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When you wake up from your sleep, you will grow...
Case 6
Sleeping in the Woods
STILL HAVEN'T WOKEN UP.
Keke
THEN ANOTHER ONE.
and change to have a manly face.
Anyway, that is something I'm not...
WAH~ SO PRETTY ♥
m mm
HUH?
HEY!
WHAT'S THIS?!
OKAN! HARUMI WOKE UP FROM HIS SLUMBER. ♥

WAKE UP PRINCESS—!
The reminder will come soon!
HEY, SOME-ONE WAKE HIM UP!
LUNCH PERIOD IS GOING TO END SOON, PRINCESS HARUMI
STOP SAYING PRI...
princess...
IS SHE OKAY?
SHE WAS ABSENT FOR FOUR DAYS
IT'S YUUKO.
HARUMI
....CAN WE HAVE A SLEEPOVER?

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case6. sleeping in the woods

MURMUR MURMUR
HE LOOKS SLEEPIER THAN USUAL
THAT SLEEPY FACE...
ECHY
WHISPER
NOW WHAT'S THE PROBLEM...
HEY, PRINCESS ♥
I SAID DON'T CALL ME PRIN...
TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY!
SILENT~
FLA
GOBBLE
PLEASE EAT, PRINCESS ♥
SH
CESS...
H-
HEY!
HEY PRINCESS, OF COURSE YOU HAVE TO HAVE A GREAT NICKNAME...
MAMA'S BOY!
THIS IS KILLING ME!
—!

A SINGLE KISS TO OPEN YOUR EYES.
SLEEPING PRINCESS ~
DO YOU WANT TO GO TO ETERNAL SLEEP, TAKASHI?
The nickname I'm stuck with is Sleeping Princess.
PRINCESS, PRINCESS! TREATING ME LIKE A GIRL GETS ME ANGRY.
BUT...
Okano Haruma 14 years old 153cm 40kg
BUT PRINCESS' SLEEPING FACE IS SO CUTE.
IT REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING
Whether it's resting time
I KNOW! AHAHAHAHAHA
I'm sleeping...
or gym time,
OH RIGHT, LIKE A BABY!
A POWER THAT CAN'T BE FOLLOWED TO SLEEP.

I won't forgive anyone that treats me like a child!
GOOD MORNING
HARUMI
HELLO?
OH, YULIKO
MURMUR
MURMUR
COULD IT BE THAT?
WHAT DID THEY DO YESTERDAY?
YULIKO'S EYES ARE RED TOO...
YU YULIKO
WHAT WAS WITH YESTERDAY?
OH THAT
I'll definitely find another way!
I ASKED HIM IF WE COULD SLEEP TOGETHER EVERYDAY

AGAIN WITH THE ELABORATE EXPRESSIONS
The really shocking confession.
OH!
You got a boyfriend, right?!
YUUKO, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GROW UP?
HOW IS HE DIFFERENT FROM A NORMAL FRIEND?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I LIKE
WHEN YOU START LIKING SOMEONE, YOU'LL KNOW!
This...
Tsukasa Yuuko... I'd say she's...
It's this expression.
WHAT?
A TEST?
WHISPER
THAT'S WHY...
AFTER FIVE IS A DANGEROUS TIME
OH, AGAIN?
A friend.
HARUMI!
This expression.

EVERYTHING!?
THANKS
HERE
DO YOU WANT ME TO HOLD IT FOR YOU?
UNTIL WE'RE HALFWAY THERE
She might develop feelings in this situation...
I ended up carrying it all the way
IT WAS BEFORE HER PERIOD OF ABSENCE.
THAT WAS THREE DAYS AGO.
kid...
what it means...
everybody must know.
This...
But why did it turn out like this?!
...SORRY.
THUMP THUMP...
WHY IS IT ME?
BUT SHE WOULDN'T HAVE SAID ANYTHING TO THE GUY SHE LIKES?
DOES SHE LIKE ME?

IT CAN'T BE ANYONE ELSE BUT HARUMI!
Wah!
I'LL FEEL SAD!
WHAT IS IT?
EH,
WHY.
IS IT THAT?
This guy
is hot.

COULDN'T SLEEP FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS.
I...
THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED
TEACH ME...
WHAT? EH?
HOW TO SLEEP...
only called me because I was known as the Sleeping Princess.
Yuuko...
HOW EMBARRASSING...
HER RED FACE AND SHORTNESS OF BREATH WAS ALL DUE TO LACK OF SLEEP.
So....
Yuuko—
Then starting from the fourth row!
As I thought, I shouldn't have trusted those guys.

HARU-MI...
DO YOU HATE MY CLASS THAT MUCH?
AW
A person's body is hot...
When they don't have enough sleep.
NOT AT ALL.
WHILE I WAS THINK-ING I GOT SLEEPY...
THAT'S WHY YOU SLEPT A LOT MORE YESTER-DAY
AHAHAHAHAHAH
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU'VE EVENTUALLY STOPPED LISTENING!

IF WE DO, WE CAN JUST LAUGH AT IT.
IT'S OK AS LONG AS WE DON'T GET CAUGHT!
ISN'T THIS AN UNAUTHORIZED PLACE?
IS THIS OK?
Why would I feel happy?
I'm always referred to as Princess or kid...
AH!
THAT'S RIGHT THIS FEELING.
TRUE
IF IT'S HARUMI, AS LONG AS YOU LAUGH, YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH IT
I agreed to be the sleeping teacher.
Teacher.
RIGHT?
IT CAN MAKE YOU SLEEPY.
I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE HOT.
IT'S COOL!
I THINK I CAN SLEEP.
YEAH.

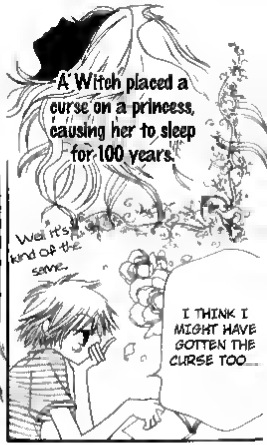
A kid.
BUT...
As I thought...
It's different.
SHE LOOKS SOFT...
AT SCHOOL...
I THOUGHT WE WERE SIMILAR
pat...
pillow from gym

AHH
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW... THE SONG
YOU'RE AWAKE? SORRY
AH

SLEEPING BEAUTY.
THE DISNEY FAIRY TALE
DO YOU KNOW?
HARUMI'S SLEEPING FACE IS CUTE.
KEPT?!
I KEPT LOOKING AT YOUR FACE AND SUDDENLY I WANTED TO SING THIS SONG
THAT'S TRUE SORRY
BELOW HER EYE
IT GOT DARKER
SHALL WE GO?
Wah— embar-rassing!
TH...THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE WOKEN ME UP
IF I SLEEP, WHAT'S THE POINT?
WAH, SO BRIGHT...!
THE SUNSET—!!
ACK, 4 O'CLOCK?

Sleeping Beauty.

FATEFUL ENCOUNTERS


A Witch placed a curse on a princess, causing her to sleep for 100 years.
Well it's kind of the same...
I THINK I MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN THE CURSE TOO...

PASS
HMM...
Brag-ging.
Basketball skills.
EHHH?
WHAT DID YOU SAY-?!
PLEASE CALM DOWN, PRINCESS
THOSE GUYS LIKE TO FIGHT, SO DON'T PERSUE THEM
PRIN-CESS, PASS!
AH, HEY!
CHE!
WA
IH
HE'S TRYING TO PUSH THROUGH
Relax.
HE ISN'T THAT TALL
HE CAN'T SHOOT IT IN

Ahh
SUB-STI-TUTE!
PRIN-CESS TO KO-NISHI
SFX: PANG!
THE BALL DIDN'T MAKE IT IN
Kouta is a basketball player so it can't be helped!
I WAS UP UNTIL 4 IN THE MORNING.
I SLEPT FOR A FEW HOURS BUT I WOKE UP AGAIN.
YEAH.
I COULDN'T EVEN SLEEP FOR A BIT.
She was look-ing?!
CAN'T SLEEP STILL?
ARE YOU LEARNING BY LOOK-ING?

I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT MY BODY FEELS HOT AND...
SLOW...
HM... THAT'S A PROB-LEM.
IF I JUST SIT HERE IDLY FOR 5 SECONDS, I GET SLEEPY.
AH!
BUT RIGHT NOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE GUYS WILL DO...
I HEARD IF YOU SLEEP A LOT, YOU'LL BECOME REALLY TALL.
WON'T YOU GROW TWO METERS?
FIVE YEARS FROM NOW, YOU'LL LOOK DOWN ON THEM
THEN YOU'LL BE BETTER THAN THEM AT BAS-KETBALL!
R-
REALLY?
WAH!
THANKS YUUKO! NOW I JUST REALIZED!
IT'S BECAUSE OF MY GROWTH!
THAT'S RIGHT!

PAT
Right! Touching is bad!
HERE.
AH, SORRY
HOT
I'LL LET YOU BORROW IT.
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO LEAN ON, IT MAY MAKE YOU SLEEPY.
...THANKS, HARUMI

I realized the truth.
WAH... AS I THOUGHT SOFT
WHAT?
I HEARD THEY WERE LIKE THAT...
OHH! IT'S NAP TIME FOR THE KIDS—
you see.
SO STUPID, SO STUPID! IT'S SO STUPID.
ISN'T THIS TOO DEFENSE-LESS?
YUUKO IS A GIRL!
That's not it...
Yuuko...
Never called me "Princess" before.
Her head weight...
She isn't sleeping..

What should I do?
I want to put her to sleep for 100 years.
I tried all the methods possible.
Only I slept!
AHI
Reading an english story!
Putting on an eye mask!
Thus I will try...
Yuuko only got weaker.

What should I do?
DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEM IS?
CAN IT BE SOME KIND OF DISEASE?
IT'S BEST IF YOU WENT TO A HOSPITAL!
NO!
BE-CAUSE
IF I GO THERE, I'D HAVE TO TAKE MEDICINE AND HAVE A NEEDLE SHOT
IT'S SCARY!
PFFT!
AH!
ARE YOU LAUGH-ING?
YOU SAID IT BEFORE.
IS IT THAT FUNNY?

GUIDANCE
EH
UMM.
WALK ME...
HEY!
CALL HER PARENTS
SHE DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO A HOSPITAL
HARU-MI—
DON'T YOU HANG OUT WITH YUUKO THESE DAYS?
DIDN'T YOU NOTICE THAT SHE WAS ACTING DIFFERENT?
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?

A SLEEPING COUNSEL?
IF YUUKO WAS REALLY LIKE THIS, THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE INFORMED A TEACHER.
ARE YOU CONFUSED ABOUT SOMETHING?
TEACH-ER.
HE IS RIGHT.
YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THE WHOLE PROBLEM.
It's the truth.
I
I got excited,
because I was treated like myself for once...
I AM VERY SORRY...

WITH THAT CUTE FACE...
WHAT COULD I HAVE DONE...
IT'S HOT!
IT MUST'VE BEEN NOTHING
WHAT WOULD THOSE KIDS HAVE DONE?
HARUMI HAS PRINCESS PROTECTION...
WELL...
SO WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT, RIGHT?
WAHAH...

What is she doing?
I couldn't do anything.
Is it still hard for her to sleep now?
It can't be anyone else but Haruki
I can't sleep.
4 O'CLOCK

"If it's not Harumi."
"It can't be anyone else but Harumi."
"If it's not Harumi."
WHAT HAPPENED?!
USUALLY, WHEN I THINK ABOUT SOMETHING, I FALL ASLEEP.
WHY?

DASH!
thud!
Ahh.
Ha
Ha
Ha
So that was it..

IZU
UH.
YUUKO'S HOUSE IS REALLY BIG—
That's right
It's not because of what the teacher said.
I wanted to help.
I wanted to watch over Yuuko's pain.
CUTE

YUUKO,
I FINALLY KNOW!
When I think of you....

I can't sleep during the night.
You know that...
right?
...I LIKE YOU, YUUKO...

YUUKO, WHEN I THINK OF YOU...
I CAN'T SLEEP. THAT'S HOW MUCH I LIKE YOU.
I...
I REMEMBER THAT...
THAT DAY...
I CAN'T SLEEP AND NEITHER CAN YOU...
SO LET'S CURE IT TOGETHER.
YOU HELPED ME GO TO SLEEP
AT THAT TIME DURING ART CLASS, WE MADE SCULPTURES AND IT WAS TOO HEAVY TO CARRY.

NO
I DON'T WANT TO TAKE MEDICINE
STILL YOUNG~
hahaha
YOUR FACE IS RED
ARE YOU HURT ANY-WHERE? DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL?
Are you...
Our height was the same,
Even the arms.
TRUTHFULLY, I WANTED TO BE WITH HARUMI MORE...
But as I thought, You're still a guy.
saying I'm a kid?
TO ME, YOU'RE A FRIEND THAT I REALLY LIKE BUT..
THAT NIGHT, I COULDN'T GET YOU OFF MY HEAD.

I ALSO THOUGHT THAT MAKING YOU AS A SLEEPING TEACHER WAS A GOOD IDEA.
BUT WHEN HARUMI WAS BESIDE ME, IT GOT WORSE...
When you're in love,
THAT'S WHY I COULDN'T SLEEP.
I WAS PICTURING HARUMI'S SLEEPING FACE...
AND IT ONLY GOT ME LESS SLEEP.
It was only because my heart was beating that I couldn't sleep for a while.
where...
would the hottest place in your body be?

THEN WE,
HAVE MUTUAL FEELINGS?
FROM NOW ON, DO YOU WANT TO SLEEP ON THE ROOF WITH ME?
Now, let's sleep.
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
YEEAH
IMAGINE SLEEPING WITH ANOTHER GUY
IT'S UNCOMFORTABLE...

We're going to dream of each other.
And so we were...
sleeping in the woods.

I DON'T KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO LIKE SOMEONE
IS IT THE SAME AS LIKING MY FRIENDS?
Like a girl with the same name and face
with the nickname Sleeping Princess.
IT'S BECAUSE OF GROWTH!
THERE WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM.
LIKE THAT.
With that, I want to become something.
But as I thought, I am only me.
watch
SNORE
But this Princess who can't sleep!...
WHAT CAN KIDS DO?
became a Prince?

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case 7: Mermaid by the sea

On that day, I saw a mermaid.

SFX: SOUND OF CRICKETS

SPLASH....
OFFICE
IT WAS AN EMERGENCY SO WE CALLED THE AMBULANCE
I WAS REALLY SURPRISED!
YOSUKE TOLD ME SOMEONE WAS DROWNING....

There are different kinds of girls.
I THOUGHT IT WAS AN EMERGENCY,
BUT IT WAS JUST MIZUKA FROM THE SWIM TEAM
THIS GUY!
stands up
Wet, with water, cold, and attractive isn't bad. Well, at least in the summer...
IF YOU WANTED TO SKIP CLASSES
YOU SHOULD HAVE WITH ME
IF YOU WANT TO COOL DOWN, WHY DON'T YOU COME TO MY PLACE?
AHAHAHAHA!
AH...

AHAHA!
KUWATA YOSUKE IN THE FLESH, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING HIM!
2ND YEARS CHOSE THEIR SUBJECTS AND PERIOD 5 CLASSES WERE EMPTY, SO THERE WAS NOTHING TO DO
SORRY I CAN'T PLAY WITH YOU!
LET'S GO, MIZUKA
EH ?
HUH ?
YEAH- BYE
AH,
ME TOO
YOU, YOSUKE!
YOU'RE THE ONE SKIPPING CLASSES!
IF YOU KEEP AT IT, IT'S DETEN-TION FOR YOU!!
OKA-Y OKAY
Hibino Mizuka.
Swim team,
2nd year.
Even to the brain...

JEEZ, WHAT A BOTHER
THOUGH I NEVER GO TO THEIR MEETINGS,
SHE ALWAYS WAVE AT ME FIRST REGARDLESS OF THAT.
Must have made me hallucinate and showed me that expression.
UGH
The smell of bleach that makes me jolt and...
the wet hair...
WHAT'S SO FUN ABOUT PLAYING IN THE SCHOOL'S SWIMMING POOL?
NEXT IS SWIMMING, ARE YOU GOING?
AHH, SENPAI?
SHE'S IN THE RESERVE ROSTER, BUT SHE STILL TRIES HARD
I WANT TO SKIP TOO-
I'm so bored~
YEAH-
WHATEVER YOU WANT.
Because my face looks like this..
Free style, backstroke, butterfly...
It's not a bad life.
Just clingy enough, and just enough sass...
I end up killing times with pretty girls who only want to play.

I'm swimming in an ocean of girls...
PAID.
YOU CAN'T SWIM, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, FROM A TEACHER? DO YOU HAVE A SCHEME?
YOSUKE,
YOU,
WHAT IS IT? DO YOU WANT TO DATE ME?
YES?
EVEN THOUGH YOU LOOK LIKE THAT, I KNOW YOU CAN SEE PAST THAT-♥
Bwahaha~
WHAT...?!
LAST YEAR, I WAS WONDERING WHAT I SHOULD DO WITH YOU. ONE THING I NOTICED WAS THAT YOU ONLY SKIPPED SWIMMING CLASSES.
Follow!

TEACH ME TO SWIM SOM IN TIME FOR SEP-TEMBER..
MAKE IT HAPPEN
IF YOU DO THAT, THEN I'LL PAY YOU
I DON'T KNOW ANYONE ELSE THAT SWIMS.
I'M SLOW..
BUT IT'S A SECRET THAT I CAN'T SWIM
That was a lie. I had two girl-friends already that knows how to swim.
I'm just going along..
SO THAT'S IT...
CAN'T YOU TEACH ME?
WHY ME?
.....
SO I TRUST YOU, COACH.

Fateful Encounters

IN THIS WORLD, COACHES
AREN'T ALL OLYMPIC SWIMMERS
NOW,
IF IT WAS MY CHOICE, I WOULD WANT TO LEARN FROM A PRETTY
I SEE!
TRUE, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN TEACH TOO.
OKAY. LET'S TRY HARD, YOSUKE!
With the mermaid ...
LET'S DO OUR BEST!
I'll try to go along ..
We went to Shinagawa by foot! Auto-Sagyo!
I THOUGHT SHE REGARDED ME AS A COOL JUVENILE
WHAT IS THAT? SO WASTEFUL.
I thought we wouldn't meet again

HAVE YOU WAITED LONG?
YOSUKE!
ENJOY WHAT YOU HAVE.
RIGHT, A GOOD SWIM-SUIT.
Should I say that?
REALLY?!
I'M HAPPY.
I WAS EMBARRASSED BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD.
Ahh...
IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU
Does it?
PEET
IS COOL.
AH.
THAT SWIMSUIT.

SLIDE...
NOW I'LL GIVE YOU A DEMONSTRATION
IS THE BUTTERFLY OK?
HAA, ANYTHING
DID YOU SAY YOU WERE SLOW?
SPLASH
Eh?
Amazing...
CHAA—
Wah!

Ahh,
Mermaid.
OH
he
he
he
he
DONE!
THOUGH IT WASN'T ANYTHING!
WHAT WAS NOTHING?
IT WAS AMAZING
I'M SLOWEST OF THE GROUP.
WON'T IT MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER?
THEN SHOULDN'T YOU QUIT?
.....
MY CHEST BEATS
IT'S LIKE A DIFFERENT WORLD..
WHEN YOU DO YOUR FIRST SWIM TO THE END HOLDING YOUR HEAD...
IN HISTORY, THE OTHER PEOPLE MUST HAVE BEEN SLOWER.
YEAH, BUT STILL...

EVEN YOSUKE
I'D LIKE IT IF YOU LOOK TO THE DIFFERENT WORLD.
hmm
10 SECONDS
ONE.
TWO.
THREE
.....EH?
EP!
SPLASH
Would it be like that?
NOW, STOP FOOLING AROUND!
PUT YOUR HEAD IN THE WATER FOR 10 SECONDS!
KYAA—!
..Ah..

A different world.
AHH
YOU OPENED YOUR EYES?
SE SEMPAI
RIGHT NOW...! WHEN I WAS UNCONSCIOUS, DID YOU
WHAT?
KI, KI
YEAH. CPR
IT'S NOT A KISS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT

Damn!!
BEING AN AIRHEAD DOING THAT!
SO,
SHE DID IT BECAUSE I WAS UNCONSCIOUS
OF COURSE IT W: S JUST CPR.
It's nothing.
A KISS TO THE HIGH AND MIGHTY ME WAS NOTHING TO HER-!
WHAT WAS THAT, THAT GIRL!
INSENSITIVE TO MY FEELINGS!
OH- MAYUMI.
TOMORROW? SORRY, I HAVE CLASSES
It became like this...
RIGHT, I FEEL SAD TOO
I LOVE YOU. BYE
Girls at sea or even the pool...
I'm going to swim coolly.
That's why I'm going to make her say it. That she likes me.
THAT'S NOT IT, YOSUKE!

SPLASH!
HERE, PUT YOUR STOMACH IN!
SPLASH
WAH!
YOUR BUTT IS UP! DON'T DO THAT!
URK!
TO THE UNIVERSE!
USE YOUR STRENGTH!
HEY~!
Th-this is humiliating!
PUT YOUR HAND IN THE WATER!
STRAIGHTEN YOUR BODY!
...Well,
BUT,
WHY CAN'T YOU SWIM?
IT'S BETTER THAT WAY
SOMETIMES I LET THE GIRL LEAD...
YOU'RE DOING GREAT.

DURING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
A ROUGH TEACHER
HE JUST PUSHED PAST ME, AND HIS STRENGTH PUSHED ME DOWN INTO THE WATER.
I COULDN'T BREATHE EVER SINCE THEN...
WAS IT DARK?
COULDN'T YOU OPEN YOUR EYES?
AH HA, THAT'S WHY!
IN THE WATER.
YOU COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING MARVELOUS
IS THERE ANYONE LIKE THAT WHO WOULD PUSH ME INTO THE WATER?
THIS GIRL'S REALLY GULLIBLE
WHEN YOU'RE IN THE WATER, LOOK UP AT THE SKY
THE REFLECTION OF THE SUN IS REALLY

SENPAI,
REALLY LIKES SWIMMING A LOT
THOUGH I'M SLOW
REALLY PRETTY
Why would swimming make you fall deeply in love like this?
PLAYING IN THE WATER SO FOOLISH
NEED TO GET SERIOUS
Anyway I'll...
make Hibino Mizuka like me.
SPLASH!
SPLASH
SPLASH
NOW USE YOUR HANDS.
THAT'S RIGHT! WITHOUT THE BOARD, ISN'T IT HARD?

WAHH!
PA!
SPLASH
GRAB!
YOU CAN'T HOLD YOUR HEAD!
REACHING SOMETHING IS HARDER THAT WAY.
COUGH
YOU...
YOU...
COUGH...
LET'S DO THIS
THEN
AH HAHA
YOU WANT A DATE WITH ME?
IF I PUT MY HEAD IN THE WATER FOR 30 SECONDS, THEN COME WITH ME ON A DATE FOR 30 MINUTES.

I CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN
SO SECONDS, SO MINUTES
SPLASH
!
28
29
30
41
YO,
YOSUKE ..?

WHAT'S THIS, WHY COME TO THIS PLACE?
AS YOU SAID, IT'S THE TIMING?
EVEN WHEN I HANGOUT WITH MY FRIENDS, I DON'T TRY TO BE SEXY
EHH, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THAT
I THOUGHT YOU LOOKED LIKE A HEALTHY GIRL
PU
AH!
WHEN YOU WORE YOUR SWIMSUIT YOU WERE A "S"!
You didn't have to say it like that!
I KNOW IN SWIMMING, I'M JUST AVERAGE
SORRY I'M CLUMSY
I'm just teaching
NO
YOU'RE DOING GREAT

HONESTLY, I WAS A BIT,
DEPRESSED
THE DAY BEFORE THE PLAYERS WERE ANNOUNCED AND I WAS A SUB
THAT DAY, I WAS SWIMMING ALONE
THANKS.
I'M GLAD.
What is she trying to say?
Honestly!
BUT...
I REALIZED I COULD DO SOMETHING.
EVEN THOUGH I'M SLOW, I CAN STILL TEACH.
I'M GLAD I MET YOU.
LET'S WORK HARD TOGETHER.

A WINNER! KEEP THIS AS YOUR REWARD
HERE!
WAH
.....
What?
HASN'T IT BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE HANGED OUT LIKE THIS?
Why did she...
thank me?
YEAH ...
YOSUKE-
AH HA,
IS SHE THERE?
TODAY THE SWIM TEAM IS USING THE POOL?
Even though you feel depressed, why are you still laughing?

OH, IT'S THE SWIM TEAM?
THEY'RE GOING TO BURN FROM THE SUN.
LET'S GO THERE.
SOMEONE'S GETTING IN TROUBLE.
I COULD EVEN DO THAT.
WHAT?
UP.
SHUT UP.
HEY, YOSUKE!

It's strange.
I DID 10M!
ONE HOUR DATE.
LET'S DO IT WITHOUT THE BOARD NEXT TIME.
WAH, GREAT!
15M!
It's strange.
This feeling to like someone.
If I focus, it's like an impulse.
Different expressions form.
I don't know that feeling.
25M!

YOU CAN SWIM ALL THE WAY TO THE END.
GREAT, YOSUKE.
EH...
WAH...
I FEEL GREAT
I'VE NEVER FELT SO GOOD BEFORE...
REALLY ...?
SPLASH
THANK YOU!
THANKS, SEMPAI!

WHAT?

I SAID,
YOSUKE
I LIKE YOU.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THIS GENTLE
YOSUKE
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD PRACTICE THIS HARD.
Look at this..
I did it!
Trying to use her courage.
Her hands and her ears became all red...
True. I don't know her that well.. but...

Trying to put on a smile.
Desperately trying to stop.
A shaky voice...
THUMP
!!
OH MY-
HE'S THERE YOSUKE!
OH, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU JUST WON.
WHAT?
THEN STARTING TODAY WE ARE COLLEAGUES.
BECAUSE YOSUKE....
HEY!
DID YOU ALREADY BREAK UP?
AS I THOUGHT
YOU WERE PAYING ATTENTION TO SENPAI A LOT.

HE'S NEVER BEEN IN A SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP.
DATING IS LIKE A GAME FOR HIM
Right-
you should know this
If you're going to date Yosuke,
I ALREADY KNEW
...THAT,
SHOCK
But in the beginning, wasn't it all fake?
I said in my mind it wasn't fake.
BUT WHAT YOU SAID TO ME,
WAS ALL FAKE...?
AND WHAT YOU DID,
Then what is this feeling?
N...

SWAR
HE?
!
BUT,
IT WAS TRUE THAT I LIKED...
THE FAKE YOSUKE

It's strange.

It's strange.

Till now, I've never liked anyone seriously.
It's strange how I'm starting to like her.
But still, I said it so many times.
I'M GLAD,
YOU CAME

Sempai says she "likes" me, but her and my like are weight different.

I can't find the right words to say it.

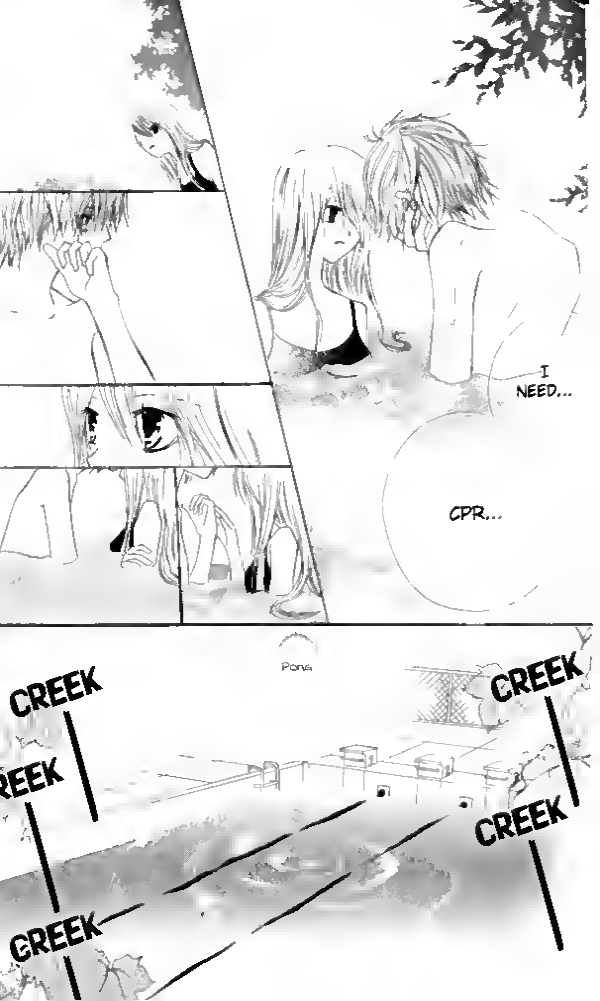
The distance between us is far.
That's why...
25M, AND 34 SECONDS PASSED.
I need to go faster.
make it at least 1 second faster.
ERK. THIS, IS HARD
With pain on my legs kicking...
I'm getting faster.
HOW MUCH IS LEFT?!
HMM... THAT'S RIGHT OPEN MY EYES

That world —
To where that girl is...
DON'T
PUT YOUR HANDS OUT!
WITH MY STRENGTH...
TO THE END. !

...YAHOO! YOU CAME ALL THE WAY!!
CONGRATU-LATIONS, YOSUKE!
AH

S, SORRY
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE ON THAT DID IT
BUT,
SOME-HOW...
I WAS HAPPY!

FOR SEMPAI.
I FELL
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHY...
DON'T FOOL AROUND.
IT'S TRUE TRUST ME
I FELL...
...THAT'S WHY,
I...


I NEED...
CPR...
Pons
CREEK
CREEK
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CREEK
CREEK

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Confession Club
Friendly Staff,
Sincere Guidance
3F
MY FRIENDS TRIED TO STOP ME,
SAYING THAT I'M TOO NAIVE BECAUSE I WENT TO ALL-GIRL'S SCHOOLS ALL MY LIFE...
HMM...
THE SIGN IS REALLY SUSPICIOUS ...
BUT HOW CAN I NOT COME HERE AFTER HEARING A RUMOR THAT...
PLEASE HELP ME WITH MY CONFESSION PROB-
E-EXCUSE ME,
Opens
THEY TEACH YOU THE BEST WAY TO CONFESS TO A GUY!

-LEM!
haa
haa
FORGET IT.
WH-
WHAT'S WITH THIS PLACE?
DON'T BE LIKE THAT, MINAMIDA!
YOU'LL ONLY REGRET COMING TO SUCH A PATHETIC PLACE
AND I SWEAR I'LL SHE YOU GUYS IF YOU KEEP TRYING TO MAKE ME PUT ON THAT THING.
YOU HATED THIS UNIFORM THAT MUCH?!
It's Because we're working to save all the lost lambs in this world!

Confession Club
case8.THE Confession Club

THEN, I WILL BEGIN EXPLAINING HOW OUR COURSE SYSTEM WORKS, MISS NANA MAZDA.
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME
WELCOME TO THE CONFESSION CLUB!
TO THIS PLACE, WHERE THEY TEACH YOU HOW TO CONFESS TO SOMEONE.
I'M, SHIBUYA, WHOSE PARENTS RUN A MARRIAGE COUNSELING BUSINESS,
AND I'M, ICHINOSE, MAJORING IN PSYCHOLOGY,
MAYBE SUCH A PLACE CAN'T EXIST AFTER ALL...!
HOW EXPEN-SIVE!
FOR PRACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM~ "GETTING CLOSER TO HIM TO CONFESSION", IS 7000 YEN EVERY HALF AN HOUR.
FOR COUNSELING INVOLVING LOVE TROUBLES,IT'S 5000 YEN EVERY HALF AN HOUR.

I'M SO SICK AND TIRED OF IT RELATIONSHIPS AND LOVE THEY'RE ALL JUST STALE AND WORTHLESS
I'M GOING TO QUIT DOING SUCH THINGS, AND-
STEP STEP
Let's work well together!
AND MINAMIDA, WHO HAS GAINED HIS EXPERTISE IN MALE PSYCHE AFTER HAVING ONLY WENT TO ALL-BOYS SCHOOLS ALL HIS LIFE...
WILL GUIDE YOU IN A FRIENDLY AND COURTEOUS WAY!
I JUST TOLD YOU THAT I'M QUITTING.
SMACK

WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT HAVING A RELATIONSHIP IS STALE AND WORTHLESS?
TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ANOTHER PERSON.
IS AN AMAZING THING!
HA!
WELL SAID!
MAN, THIS GUY IS SO IRRESPONSIBLE
HOW FOOLISH!
WHERE ELSE WOULD YOU USE YOUR EXPERTISE IN MALE PSYCHE EARNED THROUGH YEARS SPENT IN AN ALL-BOY'S SCHOOL?!
+ Childhood friend
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BEGGED US TO JOIN THIS CLUB IN THE FIRST PLACE AFTER THE DORMITORY BURNED DOWN, REMEMBER?
WE MADE THIS CLUB USING OUR EXPERIENCES FROM COUNTLESS RELATIONSHIPS, AND YOU WANTED TO BORROW THE MONEY TO PAY FOR MOVING TO ANOTHER PLACE.
I WAS PLANNING TO DO ALL THE ADMINI-STRATIVE STUFF .
BUT BECAUSE OF THAT, IT MADE ME COMPLETELY OBLIVIOUS TO THE FEMALE PSYCHE...
Background Explanation

WHAT
!!
This kid
WELL,
WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO MINAMIDA,
SINCE WE GAVE HIM THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS...
IF IT'S YOU, THEN MAYBE YOU CAN HELP MINAMIOA CHANGE
WHA-?
IF YOU CAN DO IT, THEN WE WON'T CHARGE YOU

Intermural Cultural Festival Proposal
AH, SECRETARY OF THE KIYO GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL. DID YOU FINISH PREPARING THE DATA FOR THE INTERMURAL STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING?
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT, HOKWEI HIGH SCHOOL SENPAI
I'LL PUT THEM TOGETHER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
HAHA, I'LL HELP YOU THEN.
"THE GUY I LIKE",
KUDO KEI, JUNIOR, A YEAR OLDER THAN ME.
SECRETARY OF ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL'S STUDENT COUNCIL.
THIS IS WHAT I DO BACK IN MY HIGH SCHOOL ANYWAY.
BECAUSE BOTH OF OUR SCHOOLS ARE OWNED BY THE SAME FINANCIAL FOUNDATION.
WE ONLY SEE EACH OTHER ONCE A MONTH DURING INTERMURAL STUDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS...
He doesn't even know your name?
I'm always withdrawn whenever I'm with him...
I'm a bit shy when I'm in front of the person I like, so...
So I probably didn't make much of an impression on him.

Well,
then the solution is simple.
What?!
How sly.
Snicker
Beginner's Love Technique #1.
Look at him straight in the eye...
and let him know that you know his name.
THANK YOU, KEI-SENPAI

He will definitely remember your name from now on.
NO PROBLEM,
NANA
IT'S NANA
NANA MAZOA
NO PROB-LEM...
UH...
An attitude that's a little different than usual...
and looking at him in a way that will draw out his affection.
IT'S GOING WELL?
THAT'S NICE
I WONDER HOW LONG IT'LL LAST...
MAN, LOVE IS REALLY PATHETIC...
THAT'S IT?!
I WAS SO EXCITED TO TELL YOU...
I DON'T HAVE TO TAKE HIM TOO SERIOUSLY!
ALL I NEED ARE HIS INSTRUCTIONS...
THAT'S RIGHT, THIS PERSON...
DOESN'T BELIEVE IN SOMETHING LIKE LOVE.

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LOVE TECHNIQUE #2

WAITING FOR HIM IN FRONT OF HIS SCHOOL WILL MAKE HIM HAPPY

TO MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF HAPPINESS AND ANTICIPATION, DO IT ONLY ONCE PER WEEK

HAA

?

HURRY UP

I CAN'T!

I

I'M SO TENSE .

MY FACE IS TURNING RED

KICK

WOOAH!

OH, MY GOD!

OH,

HEY, NANA

AH, HE-HELLO!

I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR LAST TIME!

HERE! A THANK YOU GIFT!

SMILE

THANKS.

I'LL USE IT WELL

smile
smile
HE MUST HAVE BEEN RAISED IN A STRICT ENVIRONMENT..
IT'S JUST A LATTE FROM STARBUCKS...
HE'S SAYING HE'LL USE IT WELL WITHOUT EVEN OPENING IT..?
If you don't know what he likes
just give him something that he can eat!
shake
W-WELL,
MY FACE WAS REALLY RED..
ISN'T THAT KINDA CORNY?
whew!
THAT'S GOOD!
BE POSITIVE!
BLUSHING SENDS HIM THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU ARE INNOCENT AND CUTE

THAT'S HOW IT IS?!
WELL,
I really Believed you!
THAT'S WHAT I HAVE TO TELL YOU TO ENCOURAGE YOU
HMPH! I'D RATHER HE WOULD KEEP THINGS LIKE THAT TO HIMSELF!
WHAT A JERK!
THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT I WAS LYING THOUGH.
ALTHOUGH,
WELL....
SHOULD I FORGIVE HIM THIS TIME?
THE FERRIS WHEEL AT THE AMUSEMENT PARK IS DESIGNATED FOR A LIMITED TIME AS "COUPLES ONLY".
YOU ARE ALLOWED TO CLOSE THE CURTAINS IF YOU WISH

NO WAY!
It'll be awkward
HEH.
YOU SHOULD RIDE THIS WITH KEI.
BUT...
WHY DID YOU COME HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
T-TO CONFESS TO KEI-SENPAI...
GOOD
THAT'S HOW YOU SHOULD ANSWER.
THEN YOU SHOULD ANTICIPATE A SITUATION WHERE THE MOOD IS JUST RIGHT.
YEAH...
I CAN'T HELP BUT BE ANNOYED BY HIS ATTITUDE...
BUT WHY ARE YOU TRYING SO HARD TO TEACH ME?
OH, I SEE...
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THOSE TWO IN THE OTHER ROOM WILL DO TO ME.
IF I DON'T DO IT RIGHT...
I still don't know how far they can go...
MINAMIOA-KUN...
DOESN'T BELIEVE IN LOVE, RIGHT?

HMM...
SO LUCKILY, I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO TEACH YOU FOR MUCH LONGER.
WELL, YOU'RE VERY HARD-WORKING.
BUT...
SO, IF YOU'RE WITH A HARDWORKING PERSON LIKE ME,
I STILL EXPECTED YOU TO TEACH ME HALF-HEARTEDLY.
MAYBE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO KNOW WHAT FALLING IN LOVE FEELS LIKE?
IF...
YOU WISH I BELIEVED IN SUCH A THING,
TRY TO KEEP YOUR FEELINGS FOR KEI ALL THE WAY TO THE END.
WHAT?!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
THEN, WE'LL MOVE ON TO LOVE TECHNIQUE #5
ISN'T THAT ALREADY EXPECTED OF ME?
IS THAT ...
THIS TIME, PRETEND TO BE DISINTERESTED.
HEY, NANA..
RELATED TO THE REASON WHY YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN LOVE?
GRAB
HEY!
WHY ARE YOU IGNORING ME?
OUCH!
Use the 'Wanting what you can't have' mentality to your advantage.
Scripted
AH...
I'M MEETING SOMEONE, AND I'M IN A HURRY.
HT
IT HURTS!

SORRY I'M LATE, NANA
DO YOU HAVE BUSINESS WITH MY LITTLE SISTER?
AH.
YOU WERE MEETING YOUR BROTHER?
WELL, I'M IN A HURRY TOO.
I'LL SEE YOU LATER, NANA
T-
THANK YOU...
...

I DIDN'T MEAN TO HINDER YOUR PROGRESS...
SORRY
HUH?
I'M ALWAYS LIKE THIS
I GET ANGRY AND INTERFERE
AND I END UP RUINING THE ATMOS-PHERE.
NO
KEI-SENPAI WAS PROBABLY JUST SURPRISED
I WAS SURPRISED.
HOW CAN SOMEONE SO PASSIONATE...
LOSE FAITH IN LOVE?
YOU'RE WORKING HARO, NANA.

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S ALSO A TYPE OF LOVE.
BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE EVERY WOMAN IN THE WORLD HAPPY, I CREATED THIS CLUB!
I JUST LOVE WOMEN!
But what are the dumbbells for?
OF COURSE!
IT'S ALL FOR LOVE!
RIGHT?
LOVE IS A GOOD THING, AFTER ALL.
WHAT DOES LOVE MEAN TO YOU, NANA?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
AND I BEGAN TO WISH I COULD DO SOMETHING FOR HIM.
KEI-SENPAI ...
IS A REALLY KIND PERSON AND HE ALWAYS HELPS ME WITH STUDENT COUNCIL DUTIES ..
AND BEING IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE MEANS THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THAT SOMEONE.
I THINK THAT LIKING SOMEONE MEANS THAT "I LIKE HIM! I HOPE HE LIKES ME TOO!",

KEI-SENPAI IS THE FIRST PERSON...
WHO MADE ME WANT TO BE IN A RELATIONSHIP...
AND WHEN TWO PEOPLE FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT EACH OTHER,
THEY BEGIN A RELATIONSHIP.
BUT...
SOMETHING IS BOTHERING ME...
I SEE...
opens
WAH!
WHAT IS IT?
YEAH
LAUGH IF YOU WANT TO...
ISN'T TOO BAD...
THAT KIND OF 'RELATIONSHIP'...
HE SMILED.

WHAT?
I WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT MINAMIDA...
Hoku
WELL
I DON'T WANT TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT INTERMURAL STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING..
SO, DO YOU WANT TO MEET OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL?
FOR SOME REASON...
WHAT'S WITH THAT?!
HE'S SMILING SO WARMLY...
HE DIDN'T...
MOCK MY FEELINGS.
OH~
GOOD FOR YOU

SLAM
Oh~!
HMM.
HOW LECHEROUS, KEI!
HE WANTED TO RIDE THE FERRIS WHEEL.
WHAT THE...?
OF ALL THE GIRLS
WHO HAVE COME TO ME FOR HELP..
OH~! HOW FORTUNATE,
THAT YOU DION'T FALL FOR MINAMIOA IN THE PROCESS!
IN ANY CASE,
YOU DID WELL.
YOU LOOK HAPPY, MINAMIOA.
New costume!
MINAMIOA IS A BIT TOO OLD-FASHIONED,
SO HE BECAME DISILLUSIONED AND BEGAN TO THINK THAT LOVE WAS A TRIVIAL EMOTION.
SINCE WE ENCOURAGE THEM AND EVEN LET THEM PRACTICE DATING TECHNIQUES WITH US.
THE TRUTH IS, THERE WERE A LOT OF GIRLS WHO ENDED UP FALLING FOR US,
YOU TWO..!

PRACTICE...
DATE.
I SHOULD KEEP MY KEEPS FOR KEI...
I SEE...
WE'RE REALLY GLAD YOU MANAGED TO KEEP YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR SPECIAL PERSON, NANA
SO, WE REALLY WANTED TO DEMONSTRATE TO HIM THAT A GIRL CAN GENUINELY FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE WITHOUT LOSING TO TEMPTATIONS.
I DON'T... WANT TO DISAPPOINT HIM...
HE WANTED TO BELIEVE IN IT.
IT WASN'T THAT MINAMIDA DIDN'T BELIEVE IN LOVE...
I WANT TO SEE HIM SMILE.
THEN, LET'S GO OVER THE LAST PARTS OF THE LOVE TECHNIQUES.

REALLY?
I THOUGHT IT WOULD MAKE ME LOOK MORE OUTGOING
You came early so you got that one right.
YOUR CLOTHES SHOULD BE MORE FEMININE
BUT DON'T DRESS TOO SKIMPY EITHER
AND DON'T WEAR JEANS JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE AT AN AMUSEMENT PARK
Wearing a skirt is dangerous.
NO!
THE PERSON I'M MEETING TOMORROW IS KEI-SENPAI...
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE THIS KIND OF A STYLE...
BECAUSE...
THANK YOU.
SIT ON THE INNER SEAT
HMM
BUT WHAT IF HE DOESN'T TELL ME TO SIT ON THE INNER SIDE?
GOOD!
NICE RESPONSE THERE.
GIRLS TYPICAL WEAR SHOES THAT TIRE THEM OUT QUICKLY
ANY GUYS OBSERVANT ENOUGH SHOULD KNOW THAT

PLUS..
YOU LOOK KINDA TIRED RIGHT NOW.
YEAH..
MY TOES ARE HURTING PRETTY BADLY, ACTUALLY.
I'M IM-PRESSED!
YOU'RE REALLY THOUGHTFUL!
IDIOT. IT'S BECAUSE I'M TEACHING YOU RIGHT NOW
A LOT OF GIRLS MISTAKE THAT FOR KINDNESS AND START HAVING FEELINGS FOR ME
BECAUSE MINAMIDA..
He's embar-rassed
BUT...
THAT'S NOT ALL

IS A REALLY COOL GUY.
HUH?
AFTER ACTING ALL HAPPY AND CAREFREE, CHANGE TO A SERIOUS MODE AND LOOK HIM IN THE EYES
YOU'RE DOING GREAT
GOOD, GOOD!
!
LOWER
THIS...
IS ALSO BECAUSE HE'S TEACHING ME RIGHT NOW...
HIS HEART WILL PROBABLY STOP FROM THAT.

BUT... I...
WANNA TRY RIDING THAT?
NO WAY!
THAT'S
FOR RIDING WITH SOMEONE YOU LIKE..
TECHNIQUE #11.
IF THE GUY HUGS YOU LIKE THIS IN THE FERRIS WHEEL,
W-WHAT?!
ACT ALL TENSE TO CONVEY THE IDEA THAT YOU'RE INNOCENT.
BUT DON'T STAY MOTIONLESS FOR TOO LONG, OR IT'LL MAKE HIM FEEL REALLY AWKWARD.

AH,
AND AT THIS MOMENT,
LOVE TECHNIQUE #20
SLOWLY RAISE YOUR ARM TO HIS BACK...
AND HUG HIM SLOWLY AND HESITANTLY.
A CONFESSION WORKS BEST IN A SILENT SITUATION LIKE THIS

I LOVE YOU!
MAKE SURE TO MEMORIZE IT ALL.
HAHAHA
OKAY
WHY IS MY HEART BEATING FASTER?
CALL AND LET ME KNOW HOW IT WENT.
EVEN THOUGH EVERYTHING MINAMIDA IS SAYING...
IS STRICTLY BECAUSE OF HIS JOB...
NO, THAT'S WRONG.
THEN...
I'LL PREPARE FOR TOMORROW...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I SAW IN HIM...

FOOD
PLAZA
WANT TO TAKE A BREAK?
SURE.
SHTS
MENU
GIRLS HEEL
35
AFTER ALL, I'VE WAITED SO LONG...
FOR THIS DAY...
NANA, YOU LOOK REALLY CUTE TODAY.
REALLY?
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH... NOTHING
DON'T WORRY.
HE MUST BE WEARING SOMETHING UNCOMFORTABLE AS WELL.

KIYO GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL...
HAS A LOT OF CUTE GIRLS, HUH?
NEXT CUSTO-MER, PLEASE
HUH?
YOU KNOW...
YOU SHOULD BRING YOUR FRIENDS NEXT TIME
I KNOW SOME GOOD GUYS FROM MY SCHOOL AS WELL
UM, KEI-SENPAI?
WHAT?
KEI-SENPAI, I HAVE TO GO TO THE RESTROOM!
WE'RE NEXT!
THAT'S WHY HE WAS SO NICE TO ME...
AH...
THOUGH I BEGAN TO FEEL UNEASY ABOUT THIS...
YOU CAME ON TO ME TO GET A GUY TOO, RIGHT?
smile

NO, WAIT...!
I CAN'T JUST GO ALONG WITH THIS!
SORRY I'M LATE, NANA.
DO YOU HAVE BUSINESS WITH OUR NANA?

Close
YOU THINK...
SIBLINGS WOULD RIDE THE COUPLE'S FERRIS WHEEL TOGETHER?
You're meeting her here?!
UM, HUH?
HER BROTHER?
grab
MI...
MINAMIDA !!
NO! LET ME OUT!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE MINAMIDA'S FACE RIGHT NOW!
WHAT?!
I SAVED YOU FROM TROUBLE, AND THAT'S THE THANKS I GET?!

YOU MUST BE REALLY DISAPPOINTED WITH ME, RIGHT?
BECAUSE I COULDN'T KEEP MY FEELINGS FOR KEI-SENPAI ALL THE WAY THROUGH...
I DON'T WANT TO SEE MINAMIDA'S DISAPPOINTED FACE...!
I COULDN'T KEEP MY FEELINGS ...
...AS YOU CAN SEE...

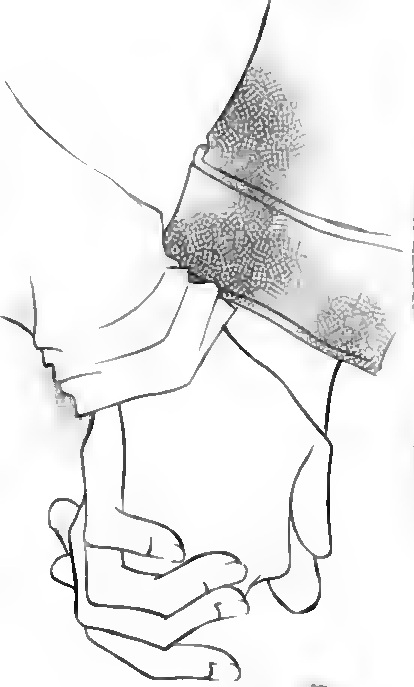
WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU USING LOVE TECHNIQUE #11?
YOU TRIED TO KEEP YOUR FEELINGS ALL THE WAY THROUGH...
BUT THAT BASTARD IS NOT WORTHY OF YOUR FEELINGS
I KNOW YOU'RE VERY SINCERE ABOUT LOVE MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE
WHAT?
...COULD IT BE...
THIS ISN'T... A LESSON...
YOU...
SHOULD BE WITH ME!

THERE WAS A LIMIT TO TELLING YOU HOW I FEEL..
WHILE PRETENDING IT TO BE A LESSON
WHEN YOU TALKED ABOUT YOUR THOUGHTS ON LOVE,
I BEGAN TO THINK WHAT I CAN DO FOR NANA
SO I TRIED TO SUPPORT YOUR FEELINGS FOR KEI, BUT I WASN'T HAPPY AT ALL.
THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I WANT TO DO FOR YOU.
WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE YOU SMILE AGAIN?

A CONFESSION
WORKS BEST...
...IN
A SILENT
SITUATION
LIKE THIS.

LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
I LOVE YOU.
HUH?
LOVE TECHNIQUE, THE FINAL VERSION.
THIS IS MY FIRST AND LAST TIME TEACHING THIS..
I HAVEN'T TAUGHT YOU ABOUT THIS PART...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT..
AH! BUT I PROMISE, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE DONE THIS!

OPEN YOUR LIPS SLIGHTLY...
AND CLOSE YOUR EYES...
I WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR HER.
I WANT TO MAKE HER HAPPY.
I WANT TO FEEL THAT HAPPINESS TOGETHER.
AND I WANT HER TO LOVE ME AS WELL.
CONFESSION IS THE FIRST STEP...



IF YOU WERE ABLE TO CONVEY YOUR FEELINGS...

THEN IT'S TIME TO CREATE OUR OWN CLUB...

HE DIDN'T LIKE THE NEW UNIFORMS THAT MUCH?

No way, No way

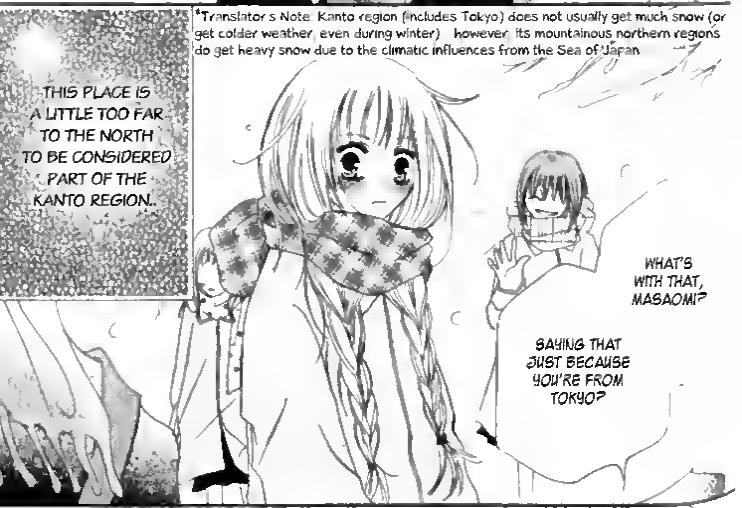
He paid his debt off too

HE QUIT ..

NOW, LET'S BEGIN OUR JOYFUL RELATIONSHIP....

case9. Apple Cheek

*Translator's Note: Kanto region (includes Tokyo) does not usually get much snow (or get colder weather, even during winter) however its mountainous northern regions do get heavy snow due to the climatic influences from the Sea of Japan.


THIS PLACE IS A LITTLE TOO FAR TO THE NORTH TO BE CONSIDERED PART OF THE KANTO REGION.
WHAT'S WITH THAT, MASAOMI?
SAYING THAT JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE FROM TOKYO?

SPRING IS STILL FAR AWAY...
DID YOUR FACE TURN RED AFTER SEEING ME?
WHAT?! I KEEP TELLING YOU THAT'S NOT THE CASE!
BY THE WAY, YOUR NOSE IS BRIGHT RED TOO!
WHEN WE TAKE EVEN ONE STEP OUTSIDE...

CONFESSION CLUB

case9. Apple Cheek

THERE'S A RUSH OF CONFESSIONS BECAUSE IT'S RIGHT BEFORE GRADUATION
AS EXPECTED OF MASAOMI
IT'S PRETTY STRANGE
WHAT EXACTLY DO THEY SEE IN A GUY LIKE MASAOMI?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S SO OBVIOUS
THEN PLEASE, SENPAI
OKAY
Oooh~!?

I WAS GLARING AT YOU!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE FUN OF ME, AT LEAST DO IT WHILE LOOKING AT ME IN THE EYES!
Heh
IT WOULD BE SO MUCH BETTER IF YOU WERE MORE HONEST
Heh~
OHO~, MISS APPLES. WHY ARE YOU TURNING SO RED WHILE STARING AT ME?
HAVE YOU FALLEN FOR ME AT LAST?
IN A SNOWY VILLAGE FULL OF INTROVERTED PEOPLE...
MASAOMI HAS A RARE, LIGHTER PERSONALITY, AND GETS THE ATTENTION.
THE TRANSFER STUDENT YANO MASAOMI AND I FIRST MET LAST APRIL...
ER
THIS IS YANO MASAOMI HE MOVED WITH HIS DAD'S TRANSFER FROM TOKYO TO HERE

Tokyo!
Wow!
THEN,
GO TO THE SEAT IN THE FOURTH ROW
THUMP
HUH?
WHAT IS THIS?

YOU'RE BLUSHING
HAVE YOU FALLEN FOR ME?
M-
Ack!
SCARY
MY CHEEK'S BEEN RED SINCE I WAS BORN!
EVER SINCE THEN...

I WISH IT WAS SPRING ALREADY...
BUT...
SIGH~
THANK GOD WE'LL GO TO DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS.
MASAOMI'S REALLY NICE.
HE KEEPS CALLING ME 'APPLES', 'APPLES', LIKE HE HAS A GRUDGE OR SOMETHING
HE'S SO FLIGHTY, IT'S JUST TOO MUCH!
AND I, RINKO SUZUHARA...
HAVE NATURALLY APPLE-RED CHEEKS THAT GO WELL WITH THE SURROUNDING SNOWFIELDS
WHENEVER I SEE MASAOMI, I GET SO IRRITATED...
HMPH!
MAYBE HIM PICKING ON YOU IS HIS WAY OF TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU?
And not because he dislikes you
ABSO-LUTELY NOT.
HE'S JUST A CONNIVING PERVERT.
AND HE'S REALLY NICE TO GIRLS THAT HE REJECTS
This? This is a limited edition photo album of Yuko Ogura sold only at Akihabara.
I'll swap my friends and get you guys some
TOKYO GUYS ARE REALLY SENSIBLE
Angel!
HE'S REALLY GENEROUS, SO GUYS LIKE HIM.

Passes
BYE BYE, MISS APPLES
Let's go!
SEE?
THE DAY MASAOMI TRANSFERRED TO OUR SCHOOL, I WAS HEADING HOME...
THERE WAS A TIME...
MASAOMI
WHEN I USED TO THINK THAT HE WAS A NICE GUY.
DOESN'T EVEN LOOK ME IN THE EYES.
WHAT?!
THE NEXT BUS DOESN'T ARRIVE FOR ANOTHER HOUR?!

UM...
WHAT ABOUT CONVENIENCE STORES?
THERE'S ONE FIVE STATIONS AWAY FROM HERE.
Why of all the people
BECAUSE OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT IS REALLY LARGE..
AH!
I LIVE IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. SO MY BUS ARRIVES IN 10 MINUTES
HOW INCONVENIENT.
REALLY?
THERE ARE A COUPLE OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE TO COMMUTE BY BUS
Might as well not exist.
Wind
Blowing
Anger
IT'S STILL WINTER IN APRIL, AND THERE'S NOTHING BUT MOUNTAINS AROUND HERE
WHAT AN ANNOYING PLACE.
HA~
YOU LITTLE URBAN BUMPKIN!
HOW DO YOU LIVE IN SUCH A DUMP?

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN THERE'S NOTHING BUT MOUNTAINS?!
THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS TO DISCOVER WHILE WAITING FOR THE NEXT BUS!
EVEN THOUGH IT'S SO COLD, A PRETTY FLOWER LIKE THIS
Eek!
I'VE NEVER SEEN A CUTER SPRINGTIME.
I EXPECTED HIM TO MOCK ME,
BUT HE SMILED.
WAIT!
A CITY KID LIKE HIM WILL FIND THAT BORING AS WELL...
HUH

SOON, WE'LL GRADUATE,
AND THE BUS ROUTE TO EACH OF OUR SCHOOLS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, SO...
THAT WAS THE FIRST AND LAST TIME HE LOOKED ME IN THE EYES.
LATELY...
I'M GETTING MORE AND MORE IRRITATED BY HIM FOR SOME REASON

WHEN SPRING ARRIVES, I WON'T HAVE TO LOOK AT SUCH FRUSTRATING SCENERY AGAIN.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
IT'S NO-THING
HOW COME SENPAI
NEVER TRIES TO GET A GIRLFRIEND,
LIKE I SAID...
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE KIND AND FLIRTY TO OTHER GIRLS?
I...
HAVE SOMEONE THAT I LIKE.
HUH?
WELL, IT'S BECAUSE HE WANTS TO KEEP HIS HAREM INTACT...
WELL...

WELL, AS LONG AS WE'RE JUST PLAYING AROUND, IT'S FINE
OUR HOUSE MOTTO IS "BE NICE TO GIRLS"
REALLY, SENPAI?
W...
THOUGH IT'S AN UNREQUITED LOVE,
I CAN'T HELP THE WAY I FEEL SO I CAN'T DATE OTHER GIRLS.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHY...
AM I MAKING THIS KIND OF EXPRESSION?

LOYAL KISS

Hahaha...
WHAT'S WRONG, MISS APPLES? DID I BREAK YOUR HEART?
YOUR FACE IS RED, AS IF YOU'RE ABOUT TO CRY.
Blush
WAAH"!
BLUSH
BLUSH
D-DON'T MISUNDER-STAND!
I WAS JUST FLABBER-GASTED BY YOUR ATTITUDE!

UWAHH...
A-AND
THUMP
I HAVE A STOMACH ACHE!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?
MY HEART IS BEATING SO FAST...
IT'S PAINFUL...
AND I FEEL REALLY HOT.
IT'S OKAY...
MY CHEEK IS ALWAYS RED LIKE APPLES
MY EARS HAVE TURNED RED TOO, BUT I DON'T THINK HE FOUND OUT ABOUT THAT.
IS THAT WHY YOU CHOSE A HIGH SCHOOL IN TOKYO, SENPAI?
I SEE...
YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE BACK IN TOKYO.

YEAH...
AH.
I FINALLY FIGURED OUT...
WHY I WAS SO ANGRY AT MASAOMI...
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BLOOM
I DON'T NEED SOMETHING LIKE SPRING TO COME ALONG SO QUICKLY...
IT'LL...
BLOOM AGAIN IN A FEW DAYS

SOMEONE WHO IS GOING TO LEAVE...
I FELL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE WHO HATES ME AND IS IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE ELSE...
JUST BEFORE GRADUATION...
EVEN I THINK I'M WAY TOO SLOW..
AND I REALIZED IT JUST NOW..
I KNEW THAT...
I WAS ALWAYS ENVIOUS...
HE WASN'T JUST A FLIGHTY PERSON..
OF THOSE GIRLS, WHO COULD LOOK HIM IN THE EYES WHILE BEING EMBRACED BY HIM.
I CAN'T LET HIM KNOW.
HE REALLY HATES ME...
I'LL DIE OF EMBARRASS-MENT IF HE FINDS OUT THAT I LIKE HIM...
JUST ONCE, I WISH I COULD..

OH NO!
M-MASAOMI!
I CAN'T HELP BUT SOUND SO IRRITATED WITH HIM!
I TRIED MY BEST TO NOT LET OUR BUS SCHEDULE OVERLAP, BUT I GUESS I MADE A MISTAKE TODAY!

IT DOESN'T MATTER...
HEHE
HE HATES ME ANYWAY.

TALK TO HIM WHILE LOOKING AT HIM IN THE EYES.

YOU'RE PRETTY FUNNY, MISS APPLES.

Look
BLUSH
BLU
WHAT IS THIS?
WHY IS HE STARING AT ME?
IT'S OKAY!
MY FACE IS ALWAYS RED, ANYWAY!
SH
IT WOULD BE WEIRD IF I MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT!
MM...
S-SO...
WHAT KIND OF A FERSON IS THE GIRL YOU LIKE?
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?
SHE'S REALLY NICE...
AND PRETTY LIKE A FLOWER

...I SUDDENLY FELT THE URGE TO PUNCH HIM...
SHE'S A REALLY GOOD PERSON.
SHE IS SO DIFFERENT FROM ME..
AH, IS THAT SO?
I HOPE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LET HER KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.
WELL... SHE DOESN'T LIKE ME TOO MUCH BECAUSE SHE THINKS I'M FLIGHTY.
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
YOU KNOW HOW TO SINCERELY CARE ABOUT A PERSON ..
AND YOU HAVE A REALLY COOL SIDE TO YOUR PERSONALITY AS WELL...
EVEN I FELT THAT WAY ABOUT YOU

Hehe
UWAAAH!
WHAT AM I SAYING?!
I GUARANTEE IT!
WHAT?
THERE'S NO WAY THAT THERE'S SOMEONE LIKE THAT-
I'LL PRAY THAT YOU'LL GET A GUY WHO WILL ONLY LOOK AT YOU
YOU'RE SO PASSIONATE, MISS APPLE!
THERE IS.
IF YOU LOOK CAREFULLY,
YOU CAN FIND SOMETHING WONDERFUL, RIGHT?

PLEASE DON'T GO ANYWHERE, MASAOMI.
OH, THAT'S MY BUS
BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY HOME
Practice graduation ceremony 2:00
IS IT JUST ME
OR DOES RINKO SEEMS MORE AND MORE HATEFUL TOWARDS MASAOMI?
HOW SCARY
DON'T GO..
ISN'T THIS THE BEGINNING?

AFTER THAT MOMENT, I REALIZED THAT OUR TIME TOGETHER REMAINING WAS VERY SHORT...
Rinko
I WANTED US TO LOOK EACH OTHER IN THE EYES..
DOES HE HATE ME THAT MUCH?
FINE! CHANGE OF PLANS!
I'M JUST GOING TO KEEP STARING AT HIM.
OH NO...
THIS IS NO GOOD. AS I KEEP STARING AT HIM...

SMACK!
UGH!
I REALIZED THAT...
NOW, JUST LOOKING AT HIM ISN'T ENOUGH.
WHY DOES HE LET OUR EYES MEET JUST ONCE EVERY DAY?
QUESTION.
IT'S ALL THANKS TO ME TEACHING YOU ABOUT THE CHARMS OF THIS PLACE, RIGHT?
YOU LOOK MORE LIKE A LOCAL NOW
YEP, ALL THANKS TO YOU
HEY
WANNA HAVE A SNOW FIGHT UNTIL THE BUS ARRIVES?
OF COURSE...
I BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT..
IT'S NO MATCH FOR THAT CUTE GIRL IN TOKYO
HOW MASAOMI WILL...
LOOK AT THAT GIRL...
UM
I GUESS SO
HOW HE WILL EMBRACE HER...

Shiver
ARE YOU COLD?
I LEFT MY GLOVES IN THE BUS
SO I GUESS I CAN'T HAVE THAT SNOW FIGHT WITH YOU AFTER ALL
WHAT?!
N-NO! I'M FINE!
IDIOT
WHO TOLD YOU I WAS LENDING YOU THESE?

THIS KIND OF GESTURE...
PROBABLY DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING.
AH
I- I GUESS SO...
TO MASAOMI...
THINK ABOUT IT.
IF I LEND YOU A GLOVE, MY HANDS WILL GET COLD INSTEAD
BESIDES..
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE CLOSE OR ANYTHING...
HE'LL...
SMILE PLAYFULLY TO THE GIRL HE LIKES THE SAME WAY...
BUT HE'LL EMBRACE HER WARMLY INSTEAD...

IT'S OKAY.
OR MAYBE...
MASAOMI DOESN'T HATE ME AFTER ALL?
THE SEASON WHERE IT'S SO COLD OUTSIDE, EVEN MASAOMI'S NOSE TURNS RED...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I BLUSH
MY CHEEKS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE RED ANYWAY

SAW WHAT?
GEEZ! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US?
A GUY FROM OUR CLASS SAW YOU!
W...
WHAT?
R-RINKO!
in a good mood
MORNING!
UNEXPECTED ROMANCE!!
MASNOMI
RINKO
WHO
AAA~!
THEY'VE BEEN GOING OUT ALL THIS TIME?!
AND THEY PRETENDED TO HATE EACH OTHER!

BLUSH!!
KNOCK IT OFF!
DON'T BE SO EMBARRASSED
HAHA,
NO!!
I...
I DON'T WANT MASAOMI TO FIND OUT ABOUT MY FEELINGS YET!
WHAT DO I DO? I'VE TURNED BRIGHT RED!
I DON'T WANT TO END THIS.
HOW CAN I...!
... ABSOLUTELY HATE GUYS LIKE MASAOMI!
WINDOW SHATTERING
YOU'RE RIGHT.

IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR ME TO HOLD ANOTHER GIRL'S HAND, RIGHT?
I WAS JUST GOING TO MAKE FUN OF YOU BY ASKING YOU IF YOU'VE FALLEN FOR ME AGAIN.
WE HATED EACH OTHER FROM DAY 1, RIGHT?
Haha
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
THEIR RELATIONSHIP IS ABSOLUTELY HORRIBLE
MAYBE IT'S THEIR NATURE TO HATE EACH OTHER?
HOW SCARY v_v
YOU KNOW...
IF MY CHEEKS WEREN'T SO NATURALLY RED...

RINKO-
The kind that doesn't invite hatred
WOULD I HAVE BEEN A MORE HONEST PERSON?
THE KIND OF PERSON WHO WOULDN'T HIT SOMEONE SHE MET FOR THE FIRST TIME...
NO...
THIS IS THE END OF OUR SEASON...
RED CHEEKS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS...
I ALWAYS BLAME MY CHEEKS, AND ACT SO CHILDISH...
AND THIS IS THE RESULT I GET AFTER DECEIVING MYSELF ABOUT MY FEELINGS ALL THIS TIME...
45TH Graduation Ceremony
CONGRATULATIONS, SENPAI!
THANKS
HAHA, HOW WOULD I DO THAT?
NO! PLEASE DON'T GRADUATE!

WHAT SPRINGTIME?
Lucky the weather's so nice...
Yeah.
MAN, HOW LUCKY...
MASAOMI'S THE ONLY ONE EXPERIENCING HIS SPRINGTIME.
HUH?
THERE AREN'T EVEN ANY FLOWERS BLOSSOMING
Smack

HATE YOU... ME THAT MUCH?
WHY...
WHO WANTED TO SNOW FIGHT...
YOU'RE THE ONE...
WHY...
AREN'T YOU ASKING ME "HAVE YOU FALLEN FOR ME?" TODAY?
I DON'T CARE HOW RED MY FACE BECOMES...

I PRACTICED SO MUCH
SAYING "YES" TO THAT QUESTION.
BECAUSE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER ANY MORE...
I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU!
SO JUST LOOK ME IN THE EYES AND HUG ME!
SO THAT WE CAN AT LEAST STOP MISUNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER...

SEE..
I CAN'T MEET YOUR EYES..
WITHOUT TURNING RED!
BECAUSE EVERYONE'S FACE TURNS RED IN COLD PLACES..
I COULD LOOK AT YOU WITHOUT MUCH TROUBLE..
BUT YOU SAID.. THE GIRL YOU LIKE WAS KIND AND A GOOD PERSON..
WELL, YOU ARE
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOWED ME THE FLOWER BLOSSOMING..

THANKS TO THAT DAY,
I BEGAN TO SEE THE CHARM OF THIS PLACE
EVEN ON THE FIRST DAY...
THE WAY YOU TURNED SERIOUS AND ANGRY WAS REALLY CUTE
WHAT ABOUT THAT GIRL YOU LIKE IN TOKYO?!
YOU ALWAYS MADE FUN OF ME, CALLING ME "MISS APPLES!"
WELL, ABOUT THAT...
I WAS TRYING TO MAKE OTHER GIRLS GIVE UP ON ME
EVERY TIME I TEASED YOU SAYING "HAVE YOU FALLEN FOR ME"...
Because your name is Ringo
I WAS TRYING TO SAY THAT I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU IN AN INDIRECT WAY...
HOW DOES MASA-OMI...
THE TRUTH IS...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE LIKE A FLOWER!
LOOK AT THE GIRL HE IS IN LOVE WITH?

JUST LIKE ME...
HE'LL BLUSH LIKE A RED FLOWER...
Though my family is because my dad got assigned back to Tokyo
ALSO, JUST SO YOU KNOW...
I'M NOT MOVING BACK TO TOKYO
WHAT?!
I TOLD YOU.
I LIKE LIVING HERE

*Rinko (or "ringo") means apple in Japanese

Thank you for reading.

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SMELL OF A CAT

I SMELL A CAT.
DING
DING
DING
MI-SENSEI HAS RUN AWAY FROM HOME FOR THE MOMENT.
HOW ABOUT YOU?
SO I KNOW INSTANTLY.
I RAISE A CAT AS WELL.

WHAT KIND OF A CAT DO YOU RAISE?
rattle
rattle
IS IT CUTE?
WHAT KIND OF FERSON...
ARE YOU?

K-
KYA~!
AH!
AHH~!
OH
THAT WAS MY FIRST TIME...

SEEING A GUY CRY.
A GUY CRYING?
YEAH, I'VE SEEN IT
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL GAME!
BUT YOU DON'T GO TO THAT KIND OF EVENTS, RIGHT YUNA?
BUT YUNA,
WHAT DO YOU THINK HE WAS CRYING ABOUT?
WHEN HAVE YOU SEEN A GUY CRY?
THE OLYMPICS
AH, I GUESS SO
I THINK
IT'S BECAUSE HIS CAT RAN AWAY FROM HOME

IT HURTS SO MUCH...
WHAT IF SHE GOT INTO AN ACCIDENT?
WHAT IF SHE WAS OUT THERE IN THE RAINS?
Mi-sen-sei
rustle rustle
WHEN MI-SENSEI FIRST DISAPPEARED, I CRIED AS IF I WAS ABOUT TO DIE AS WELL.
SPEAKING OF...
YOU STILL HAVEN'T FOUND MI-SENSEI?
I'M HOME!
HE PROBABLY TOUCHED MY HAIR...
Meow.
BECAUSE MY HAIR RESEMBLES A CAT'S TAIL...
MI...

JUMP
MI-SENSEI?!
AH!
OH, YUNA YOU'RE HOME?
MI-SENSEI'S COME BACK
ALL THOSE POSTERS WORKED REALLY WELL
IT'S ALL THANKS TO DADDY'S PHOTO-GRAPHY SKILLS
THIS YOUNG MAN
BROUGHT HER HOME.

YUNA!
YOU SHOULD THANK HIM ALREADY
AH!
T-
THANK
YOU..
LONG TIME NO SEE
!
YES, A LITTLE BIT
DO YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?
HOHOHO
MI-SENSEI IS THREE YEARS OLD
BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SHE RAN AWAY FROM HOME
LIE...!

AH
AS I THOUGHT.
YUNA CRIED SO MUCH WHEN SHE FIRST DISAPPEARED
I KNOW THAT FEELING
DAD!
MY CAT HAD RUN AWAY FROM HOME A WEEK AGO
AND EVERY TIME I SEE THE RAIL CROSSING, I WORRY IF HE WAS CAUGHT IN AN ACCIDENT AND CRY
OH IS THAT SO? WELL, I'VE NEVER MET A CAT-LOVER WHO WAS A BAD PERSON!
HUH?
MI-SEN-SEI
DOESN'T LIKE STRANGERS
OH
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M A CAT

YUNA...
MUST HAVE ALREADY TURNED INTO A CAT AS WELL.
IF YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE AROUND YOUR CAT YOU CAN'T HELP BUT BECOME CATLIKE.
OH! OUR DAUGHTER IS SO NICE
UM!
PLEASE LET ME SEE ITS PICTURE NEXT TIME
I'LL LOOK FOR YOUR CAT AS WELL.
ME?
ACTUALLY, I'M MORE LIKE MI-SENSEI'S ABUSED SERVANT THAN ANYTHING ELSE...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY
I DIDN'T MEAN TO IMPOSE YOU FOR DINNER AS WELL
NAH, DON'T SAY THAT. PLEASE COME VISIT US ANOTHER TIME
I... KNEW ABOUT YUNA BEFORE

HUH?
GOOD NIGHT
HEY!
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?!
HE LEFT
HE REALLY IS
LIKE A CAT.
FOUND MI-SENSEI?
THE OLDER GUY WHO SMELLS LIKE A CAT

Y-YEAH
HOW WONDERFUL!
IS HE HANDSOME?!
BUT I DIDN'T GET TO
ASK FOR HIS ADDRESS
WHAT-?!
I REALIZE-?!
YUNA
HUH?
HEY, NATSUME
YOU KNOW YUNA GOTO?
Introduce us!
Hahaha
YEAH, I'M A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL
I'M IN 8TH GRADE...
I WAS SURPRISED.
SO YOU'RE MY SENPAI?
I KNOW.
It's a bit awkward.

S-SORRY
OR NOT
NO
UM
UH
I THOUGHT THAT
WHEN YOU WERE CRYING THE FIRST TIME WE MET
WAS IT BECAUSE OF YOUR CAT
I KNOW
THAT YUNA UNDERSTANDS THAT FEELING
DISTANT...
THEN SUDDENLY COMING
YEAH!
WANNA SEE
A PICTURE OF MY CAT?
HOW STRANGE.
IT FEELS LIKE I'M TALKING TO MI-SENSEI.

IT'S ACTUALLY "COFFEE MILK" BECAUSE OF HIS COLOR. BUT IT'S TOO LONG TO BE A NAME. RIGHT?
"CAFE LATTE" IS TOO SWEET TO BE HIM. BUT WHEN HE BECOMES TOO DIRTY, I CALL HIM 'BLACK COFFEE'.
CHATTER
CUTE, RIGHT? HIS NAME IS "COFFEE"!
CHATTER
People tend to chatter away when talking about their pets.
LIKE...
A TIDAL WAVE.
ACTUALLY
OH
HE WAS...
THIS COLOR

DOESN'T SMELL LIKE CAT ANYMORE
THAT'S TOO BAD
HUH?
IF YOUR HAIR SMELLED LIKE A CAT
THEN IT WOULD REALLY BE LIKE COFFEE
W-WELL
THAT'S BECAUSE THE SHAMPOO I'M USING IS ODOR-LESS
YEAH.
IT'S A NICE SMELL,
YUNA

THANK YOU
IT REMINDED ME OF COFFEE, SO I WAS HAPPY
AH!
I MEAN, SO THAT YOU WON'T BE LONELY
MAYBE I COULD REPLACE COFFEE
AH!
SORRY
I MEANT,
I WANTED TO HELP SENPAI LOOK FOR COFFEE.
what I mean is—
UMM
IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU
UH

I HAVE TO GET THE SMELL ON ME.
I think Mi-sense is annoyed by that.
SMELL OF A CAT.
YEAH.
THANK YOU.
AREN'T YOU HOT?
HUG!
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
HEY.
YUNA.
AFTER THAT TIME,
WE...
WALKED AROUND ALL OVER THE NEIGHBORHOOD
WHILE TALKING ABOUT CATS.
THE PLAYGROUND UNDER THE BUSHES IN NARROW ALLEYS AND THE NEARBY FOREST.
MY FLUTTERING HEART.
I HOPE HE DOESN'T NOTICE.

HE WAS WITH ME SINCE I WAS BORN, SO HE THOUGHT OF ME AS A YOUNGER BROTHER
WHEN I TRIED TO LEAVE HIS MARKED TERRITORY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, HE CRIED OUT VICIOUSLY
EVEN THOUGH HE'S PRETTY WEAK, HE WAS REALLY COCKY
COFFEE IS ACTUALLY
THE SAME AGE AS ME
Even though he looks like a mob boss...
HE WAS THE ONLY ONE SCARED, BUT HE TRIED TO STOP ME
AS IF SAYING "DON'T GO! YOU'LL BE KILLED!"
IT FELT LIKE I HAD BECOME A CAT ALONG WITH HIM
AND I COULD BARELY CONTAIN MY JOY.
IF HE ACCIDENTALLY WENT OUTSIDE HIS TERRITORY
AND IS BEING BULLIED BY OTHER CATS
SO
I'M EVEN MORE WORRIED
WE...
ONLY TALK ABOUT CATS.
IT'S NOT LIKE SENPAI IS DOING THIS JUST FOR FUN.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

IT'S THE ONLY THING WE HAVE IN COMMON...
I CAN'T HELP IT...
?!
UH
UM...
WHAT'S WRONG? I CAN HELP
WHOA! I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE PRETTY GOOD LOOKING WHEN I SAW FROM FROM FAR AWAY...
BUT YOU'RE REALLY CUTE!
I'M WITH SOME-ONE
SOME-ONE? WHERE?

SEE YA
A-AH... I SEE... YOU WERE WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND?
BYE BYE!
YOU SMELL LIKE CAT
CAN WE STAY LIKE THIS A BIT LONGER?
You quit using odorless shampoo?
↑
She did.
S-SENPAI
Y-YOU CAN LET ME GO NOW.
I WISH...

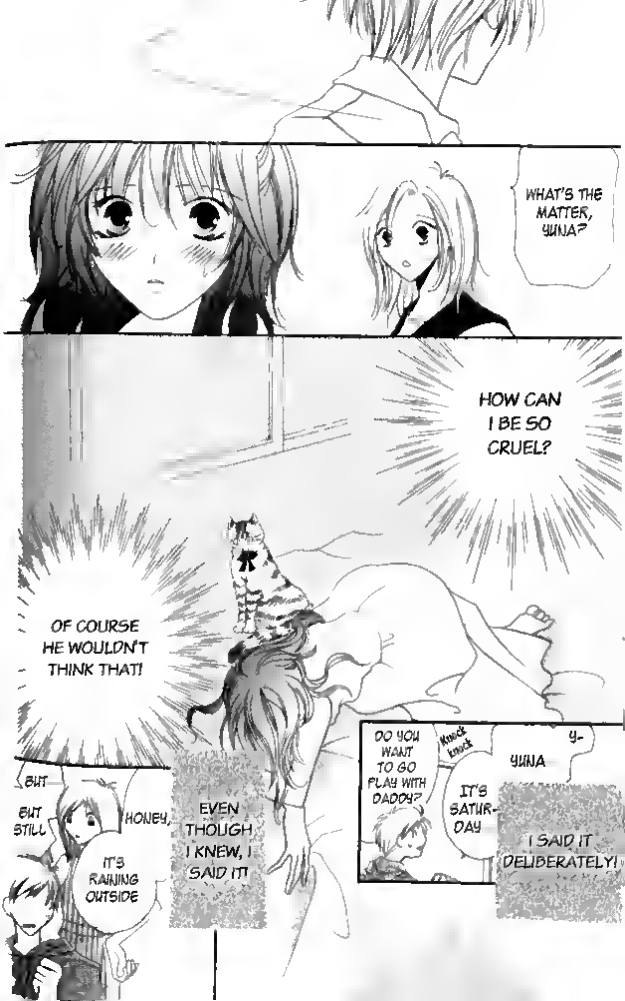
YOU SMELL
far away
AH! JUST IN CASE COFFEE WILL COME BACK BECAUSE OF THE SMELL...
YUNA
BUT...
IF HE'S HAPPY...
WE WOULD STAY EVEN LIKE THIS..
SO I WENT TO A SUSHI RESTAURANT
AND GOT SOME AS A PRESENT...
Coffee likes mackerels right?
BUT IF IT SMELLS SO BAD
DOESN'T IT MEAN IT'S ROTTEN?
TO SENPAI...
I'M AT THE SAME LEVEL AS COFFEE...
BUNCH OF ALLEY CATS HAVE GATHERED AROUND
WELL, IT IS EFFECTIVE
O-OH... IS THAT SO?
Happy Painted
AAAH !!
MEOW MEOW MEOW

NO—
EVEN FROM FAR AWAY...
Here kitties!
WHAT?
I'LL GO GIVE THESE TO THEM!
MAYBE COFFEE IS WITH THEM!
Aww, I guess none of you know to do that...
Aww, fine!
None of these guys are as fun as Coffee...
Ah, I think really is rotten.

I WISH WE WOULD STAY EVEN LIKE THIS...
HM... TIME TO GO LOOK FOR COFFEE AGAIN.
BUT, I'M KINDA JEALOUS.
SAY, YOU'VE BEEN PRETTY CLOSE TO SHUYIN-SENPAI LATELY.
COFFEE.
OH.
SHU-YIN-SEN-PAI?
SHUYIN NATSUME-SENPAI
HE'S PRETTY FUNNY, HUH?
SHUYIN-SENPAI...
THUMP
HE SWITCHED TO ANOTHER TRACK EVENT,
SO THEY TOOK EVERYONE'S RECORD AGAIN
AND EVEN THOUGH HE'S THE ONE WHO STARTED IT, HE WAS THE FIRST TO COMPLAIN ABOUT HOW BORING IT WAS.
Hahaha...
I-IS THAT SO?
SENPAI, WHO I STILL DON'T KNOW TOO WELL...

THESE DAYS, HE COME HERE TO PICK ME UP AND EVERYTHING...
BUT!
I know because I raise cats as well!
SO HOW COME YOU STILL SMELL LIKE ONE?
SENPAI, IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS SINCE YOUR CAT RAN AWAY, RIGHT?
AH!
MEET ME AT THE SHRINE AT ONE O'CLOCK, OKAY?
THIS SATURDAY, LET'S GO LOOK FOR HIM ALL THE WAY TO AKEBONO.
THE ONLY THINK I KNOW ABOUT HIM IS COFFEE...
SHUYIN SENPAI
Time to look for him again
YUNA
Let's go home
HEY,
EWW
HE'D COME IF I SMELLED LIKE HIM, RIGHT?
AH!
OH, IT'S LIKE A SPELL
I'M RUBBING HIS TOWEL TO MY CLOTHES UNTIL I FIND HIM
DON'T YOU THINK
THAT MAYBE IT'S TIME YOU GIVE UP ON HIM?
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW- !
ALSO,
YUNA-
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A ABOUT A CAT... I DIDN'T KNOW!

THEY SAY...
THAT WHEN A CAT IS ABOUT TO DIE, IT HIDES ITSELF FROM EVERYONE
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S THE CASE?
NO, I DON'T THINK SO
PAT


WHAT'S THE MATTER, YUNA?
HOW CAN I BE SO CRUEL?
OF COURSE HE WOULDN'T THINK THAT!
DO YOU WANT TO GO PLAY WITH DADDY?
Knock knock
IT'S SATURDAY
Y-
YUNA
I SAID IT DELIBERATELY!
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW, I SAID IT
BUT
BUT STILL
HONEY,
IT'S RAINING OUTSIDE

Meow

MI-SEN-SEI
THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE WITH ME
PUT'S

Rain
IT SOUND LIKE
Pouring
SHE WAS CRYING
THAT'S EVEN RIGHT... THOUGH SENPAI WAS CRYING FROM THE BEGINNING...

NO, HE MUST BE ANGRY WITH ME, SO HE PROBABLY DIDN'T EVEN COME..
IT'S RAINING SO HE PROBABLY WENT HOME.

THAT'S WRONG..

BECAUSE..
I WAS AFRAID OF MEETING SENPAI AGAIN..
I DIDN'T GO...

NO, MISENSE!
YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE RAINDROPS
I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU WHEN YOU WERE GONE
WHENEVER IT RAINED-
WHAT IF SHE HAD GOTTEN WET FROM THE RAIN?
WHAT IF SHE WAS SAD AND LONELY?
EVERYDAY...
EVERYDAY, I FELT LIKE THAT!
I PROMISED SOMEONE
PRO-MISE?
YUNA!
YUNA!
YOU'RE GOING OUTSIDE?! BUT IT'S POURING!

BE-
CAUSE
COFFEE DOESN'T LIKE GETTING WET
YUNA
I WANTED TO HURRY UP AND FIND HIM...
BUT THEN I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HAVE CAUGHT A COLD BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T COME...
WHAT IF HE WAS SAD AND LONELY?
IT HURTS SO MUCH...

Y-
YEAH!
DAD!
A TOWEL!
YUNA,
YOU'LL GET WET
...ARE THEY...
BY ANY CHANCE...
SENPAI IS THE ONE WHO IS DRENCHED!
IT HURTS SO MUCH TO THINK ABOUT IT...
SENPAI...
WHETHER COFFEE IS DEAD OR NOT
IS TRYING HIS BEST NOT TO THINK ABOUT

NO, NOT HERE
MAYBE HE'S CLOSER THAN WE THOUGHT?
WHAT ABOUT THERE, SENPAI?
LET'S PRAY...
DON'T WORRY. WE'LL FIND HIM FOR SURE
LET'S GET AN UMBRELLA AND LOOK FOR HIM RIGHT NOW, OKAY?
I ONLY WISH THAT WE FIND HIM
MAYBE
HERE, DRINK THIS
AFTER THAT TIME...
WE STOPPED TALKING ABOUT HOW COFFEE MAY BE DOING.
THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND COFFEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BECAUSE THE SHADOW THAT HAD CASTED ON HIS FACE...
WAS FAR TOO DARK FOR SOMEONE UNDER THE BRIGHT SUMMER SUN...
IT'S GOOD
NATURAL SPRING WATER IS REALLY GOOD WHEN IT'S SO HOT-
YUNA
THANK YOU
AFTER THAT RAINY DAY, HIS FACE HAD TURNED REALLY DARK.
IS HE MAD AT ME FOR THAT INCIDENT AFTER ALL?
ALL RIGHT
LET'S CHECK OVER THERE
THAT WAS FOR..
THE DRINKS, RIGHT?
OR..
UM
HOW ABOUT OVER THERE-

SENPAI,
LET'S CHECK OVER THERE BEFORE FINISHING UP FOR TODAY
OR
BUT...
IT'S GETTING DARK. I'LL GO CHECK IT OUT, SO YOU GO HOME.
OR I CAN JUST GO AND CHECK-
THAT'S ENOUGH!
YUNA!

DON'T-!
YUNA!
I KNOW HE'S NOT THERE!
HE'S NOT THERE!
LET'S PUT POSTERS UP AROUND HERE!
AND THAT'S ENOUGH
SO HE'S NEARBY?
AH!
MAYBE
THIS YELLOW LACE MAY BELONG TO COFFEE

AS YOU MIGHT'VE GUESSED...
I BURIED HIM
THE DAY I CAME TO SEE YOU, ON THAT RAINY DAY,
I FOUND HIM IN THIS PARK, DEAD
HE WAS DRENCHED
IF I HAD FOUND HIM ON A SUNNY DAY
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER
BUT IT LOOKED AS IF HE HAD DIED A WHILE AGO

COFFEE WILL BECOME
PART OF THIS TREE
THE FLOWERS ON THIS TREE
IS WHITE
IT FEELS LIKE A GIANT BOUQUET
"SNIFF"
AND HE'LL BLOSSOM BEAUTIFULLY LIKE THIS

WHY HAVE YOU KEPT GOING
EVEN THOUGH YOU FOUND HIM
BUT
I HAD GUESSED
BECAUSE IT FELT LIKE YOU HAD LOST HOPE
BUT...

BUT....
BECAUSE I WE'RE ONLY CONNECTED BECAUSE OF SEARCHING FOR COFFEE...
I FEEL SO WARM INSTEAD OF FEELING DEPRESSED WHEN I'M WITH YOU, SO I WANTED TO BE WITH YOU A BIT LONGER
BECAUSE YUNA SMILED SO BRIGHTLY BY MY SIDE,
I FELT REALLY COMFORTED
THOUGH THE SEARCH IS OVER...
WOULD YOU LIKE US TO KEEP BEEING EACH OTHER?
THE RAINY SATURDAY, WHEN HE CAME TO SEE ME
SENPAI MAY HAVE BEEN CRYING
AND THE BODY TEMPERATURE RISEN FROM RUNNING
THE HUMIDITY AFTER THE RAIN...
WHILE CRYING
THE REASON HE DIDN'T TELL ME THE TRUTH...
IS THE SAME REASON THAT I HAD BEEN THINKING OF
OF COURSE I SMELLED THE SAME
THE FAINT SMELL OF CAT FROM HIS BODY WRAPPED ALL AROUND ME
HE MAY HAVE COME TO TRY AND TELL ME.

YES...
WHOA.
HE'S HERE!
GOOD LUCK, YUNA!
YUNA
UNDER THE TREE WHERE COFFEE WILL ONE DAY BLOSSOM,
OUR BEAUTIFUL FLOWER HAS BLOSSOMED AS WELL.
SOME-HOW...
YOUR UNIFORM LOOKS NEATER.
YEAH, I WASHED THEM ALL LAST NIGHT.
NOW IT SMELLS LIKE DETERGENT.

SENPAI
W-
WOULD
WOULD IT BE OKAY IF WE WENT TO SEE COFFEE TOGETHER AGAIN?
SURE
CAN I GO VISIT MI-SENSEI AS WELL?
OF-
OF COURSE
THEN I'LL SEE YOU LATER
I HAVE CLUB ACTIVI-TIES
AH,
UM
J-JUST A MOMENT!

COULD WE
SEE EACH OTHER FOR OTHER THINGS AS WELL?
THAT IS
INSTEAD OF CAT-RELATED THINGS
SENPAI
BUT I
ACTUALLY LIKE S-SEN-
MAY HAVE THOUGHT OF ME AS SAME AS A CAT THROUGHOUT ALL THAT HAD HAPPENED,
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
Heh
HE'S REALLY...

WE'RE ALREADY
DATING
LIKE A CAT.

WELL,
LET'S GO SOMEWHERE THIS SUNDAY
THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU WANT TO GO, OKAY?
OH, AND
USE THAT SHAMPOO FROM BEFORE...
IT SMELLS GOOD.
NOW, SENPAI—
DOESN'T SMELL LIKE CAT ANY MORE.
SMELL OF DETERGENT FROM HIS SHIRT...
A FAINT SMELL OF SWEAT FROM HIS NECK...
HIS HAIR..
ACTUALLY HAD A SWEETLY SMELL...

THAT...
...IS HIS SMELL.
CAT SMELL / END

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SHORT STORY

AND DON'T FREAKIN' THINK WE DON'T HAVE LIVES! I WANT A BOYFRIEND BUT I'M STUCK WITH SCANLATING! JUST JOIN!
YOU ASSHOLE!
WELL IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, THEN TELL OTHER PEOPLE TO JOIN!
WHO WOULD WANT TO WORK?! I JUST WANT MY FRIGGIN' MANGA, YOU SLAVE!!!
Ignorant Bastard
OR BETTER YET TRAIN YOURSELF AND BECOME STAFF YOU LEECHER!
LEECHERS
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